

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A filtering apparatus includes an illegal request DB (database) which stores patterns of illegal accesses to a Web server, an estimation section which estimates the 5 legality of an access request from a client device based on the illegal access patterns stored in the illegal request DB and on a predetermined estimation rule, and a determination section which determines whether the access request is to be transmitted to the Web server based on an 10 estimation result of the estimation section and on a predetermined determination rule.